

# GRANT AWARD APPROVAL FORM

**1. OFFICIAL NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**

Date of SBE Approval of Grant Criteria 05/09/02

2006--2007 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant  
(years) (years) (title)

Type: ☐ Initial ☐ Amendment ☒ Continuation

Legislation Authorizing This Grant Program: P.A. 342 of 2006, Section 32d (3) of the State School Aid Act; P.A. 332 of 2006, Michigan Department of Education Appropriations Act

☐ Federal Grant: CFDA Number \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ State Grant ☐ Other (Private, Foundation)

**2. Purpose of Grant Program:** The longitudinal evaluation of the state-funded preschool program for four-year-old children at risk of school failure is important in development and furthering the SBE priorities of ensuring early childhood literacy and integrating communities and schools. The last of five years of the continuation grant will maintain the focus on the effectiveness of the program and on continuous program improvement. A new five-year cycle will begin in FY08, given continued funding.

Type of Grant Program: (check one)

☒ Competitive  
☐ Formula  
☐ Other: (specify below)

**3. SBE Priorities and Policies That This Grant Program Supports: (check all that apply)**

Priorities

- ☒ Integrating Communities and Schools  
☐ Elevating Educational Leadership  
☐ Embracing the Information Age  
☒ Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy  
☐ Ensuring Excellent Educators

Policies

- ☐ Bullying  
☐ Character Education  
☐ Creating Effective Learning Environments  
☒ Family Involvement  
☐ Safe Schools

☐ Other: (specify below)

**4. Grant Categories (if not described in Item 2):** ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

**5. Target Population to be Served by Grant:**

The Michigan School Readiness Program may serve as many as 27,530 four-year-old children in FY 2007, although some children may be served full-day, and some slots may be converted to funding for parenting activities, resulting in a slightly lower population. A continuing intensive evaluation will follow cohort 1, who will be in tenth grade in 2006-2007, and cohort 2, who will be in ninth grade, in six participating program grantees/consortia of grantees. The extensive evaluation will involve all 479 participating school districts and 60 funded agencies to enhance the effectiveness of the programs based on data from the intensive evaluation.

**6. Total Funds Awarded:**

\$200,000 from the State School Aid Act, Section 32  
\$100,000 from the Department of Education Appropriations Act

**7. Eligible Applicants:**

Any agency or organization with previous experience in the design and utilization of program and process evaluation. The initial competitive grant was offered to educational research organizations, universities and ISDs in 1994-95, and awarded to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation for three years. A second competition was held for the 1997-98 grant, with continuation contingent on funding and performance for an additional five years. An additional five-year award for the third round of funding, contingent on state support and performance was awarded to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation in 2002-2003. The 2006-2007 award is for the fifth of the five years in this cycle. High/Scope has worked collaboratively with the Department and grantees to provide an evaluation that has received national attention for its scientifically valid approach. The results have been used extensively to validate the Michigan School Readiness Program and for continuous improvement efforts.

**8. Description of Priorities Given to Any Specific Population or Location:** ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

**9. Grant Administration:**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services	Preschool and Early Elementary Programs	Lindy Buch	517-373-8483

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**10. OFFICE**

Office Director Approval Signature:



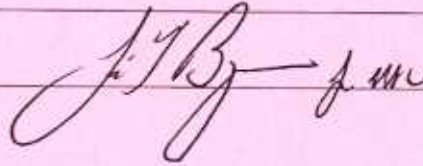
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Phone: 1-3592

Comments:

**11. GRANTS OFFICE**

Grants Office Approval Signature:

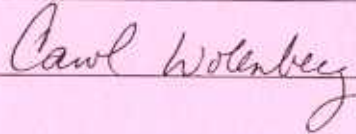


Date: 10/9/2006

Comments:

☐ Exhibit A Not Required☒ Exhibit B Not Required☒ Exhibit C Not Required**12. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT**

Deputy Superintendent Approval Signature:



Date: 10-13-06

Comments:

**13. SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Approval Signature:

Date: 10-17-06

Comments:

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. Complete items 1-10 on this form. The Grants Administration and Coordination Unit will facilitate completion of items 11-14.
- B. Attach three (3) sets of Exhibits A, B, and C.
- Exhibit A---List of applicants (alphabetical order) recommended for funding, the amount requested, the amount recommended, and a three to five sentence abstract of the proposal.
- Exhibit B---List of applicants (alphabetical order) not recommended for funding and the amount each requested.
- Exhibit C---Map of Michigan indicating the location of recommended applicants. Link to:  
<http://mdeintranet/inside/off/grants/grants.htm> for sample maps.
- C. Attach the grant award letters for the Superintendent's signature and the non-award letters for the Service Area Director's signature. The letters should be submitted in the same order given in Exhibit A and/or B. For each final Grant Award Notification letter, a Grant Award Notification form (yellow sheet) also needs to be submitted for the Superintendent's signature.
- D. Transmit Grant Award Approval Form (pink), attachments, and letters to the Grants Administration and Coordination Unit.

### 2006-2007 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant

For 1994-95 through 1996-97, \$100,000 was available each year in the Department of Education Appropriations for the design and implementation of the longitudinal evaluation study of the Michigan School Readiness Program. Through a competitive grant process, the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation was awarded funds to begin the evaluation. For 1997-98, an additional \$200,000 for the evaluation was available in the State School Aid budget, for a total of \$300,000. High/Scope Educational Research Foundation again competed successfully for an initial year and four continuation years, based on renewed state funding and adequate progress. The 2002-2003 year represented the first year of a third cycle, again for five years, pending continued appropriations and appropriate progress. The success of the evaluation in validating the Michigan School Readiness Program, and the growing national attention to the scientifically valid methodology, made the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation the choice for continuation of the longitudinal evaluation for a five-year period. FY 2007 will represent the final year in that five-year cycle. In addition, High/Scope coordinated Michigan's participation in 2004-2005 in a multi-state evaluation of prekindergarten programs through the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University. Data on the multi-state evaluation confirms that the Michigan School Readiness Program prepares at-risk children for kindergarten participation. The multi-state evaluation and the state evaluation are designed to complement one another.

Although one recipient is coordinating the evaluation, districts/agencies involved in the project are located statewide.

This is a continuation application; there are no other eligible applicants.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation Ypsilanti, Michigan	\$300,000	\$300,000